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In re: Application of David S. Luskin and Madeline Mishel Hauptman  
Entitled: RACKET STRUNG IN DOUBLE DIAGONAL STRINGING PATTERN  
WITH FRAME MARKINGS AND METHOD

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**RACKET STRUNG IN DOUBLE DIAGONAL STRINGING  
PATTERN WITH FRAME MARKINGS AND METHOD**

(Title of the invention)

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 is attached hereto

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